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DOLGARUKI

Cincinnati is a sleepy village in the western part of Washington County, just a few miles from the Oklahoma line. In its heyday it was the cultural and trade center of that section. The principal of the Cincinnati Academy and one of the community's leaders was Professor Welch, brother of Fayetteville's prominent early-day physician. Among other accomplishments he was a musician of considerable ability. Old-timers recalled his concert appearances in Fayetteville and the triumph of the Cincinnati band in competition at Muskogee and elsewhere.

One day, some three score years ago, there walked into Cincinnati, a man who was to draw the attention of newspapers in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago to the little Washington County hamlet. His name was Dolgaruki.

He was quite evidently a foreigner and his courtly manners, linguistic ability, and musical talent, stamped him as a man who had been of some importance in his native land. He showed a desire to be left alone and the Cincinnatians, in whom he caused much conjecture and tongue-wagging, respected his privacy.

Gradually the newcomer fell into the even tenor of the community life. Professor Welch induced him to give music instruction and there are people living in Cincinnati and Fayetteville today who took piano lessons from Dolgaruki. He never shed his reserve and never mentioned his past. The fact that he knew the Russian language and had intimate knowledge of the Czar's court and his acquaintance with the capitals and celebrities of other European countries were revealed to the natives of Cincinnati by the children who came under Dolgaruki's instruction.

If he wanted a hide-away, the Russian could not have found a better spot than the little village of Cincinnati, off the beaten track and just a few miles from the Indian country. He never received any mail at Cincinnati although it is possible that on some of his long walks he may have gone to neighboring towns to call for mail.

The denouement of the Dolgaruki mystery was the result of the Russian's piano artistry. He was playing a Rubenstein number one day when Professor Welch entered and complimented him highly on the excellent rendition. "I ought to know how to play Rubenstein", said Dolgaruki, "for I studied the piano under him."

In a sudden burst of confidence he revealed that he had been educated by the tutors of the Russian royal court. He revealed other bits of information from which Professor Welch concluded that the Cincinnati mystery man was none other than the son of the Russian Czar by a morganatic marriage. Sent to Siberia in a political upheaval, he had escaped and made his way to America.

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Professor Welch was then arranging for the appearance of a group of Cincinnati musicians at a concert in Fayetteville. He asked Dolgaruki to play the Rubenstein number at the concert. Dolgaruki consented. Later when the printed program appeared and he discovered that he did not have the place of honor on the program, he refused to play. A last minute change was made and Dolgaruki furnished the climax for one of the finest musical programs ever given in Fayetteville.

An account of the concert with special emphasis on the performance of the Russian virtuoso Dolgaruki was sent to the Springfield, Mo., paper by its local correspondent and was copied by the newspapers in St. Louis and Chicago. Sometime later the story was reprinted in New York and Philadelphia papers.

As a result of this publicity Dolgaruki became highly nervous and one day the village of Cincinnati awoke to discover that the mystery man had disappeared. A day or two after his disappearance reporters from northern and eastern papers began arriving in Cincinnati. They asked a thousand questions and revealed to the startled Cincinnatians that the man they had sheltered for two years was indeed a scion of the Russian royal house.

The piano on which he played, the house in which he lived, and the people who knew him best were photographed and the pictures appeared in the nation's leading papers. Dolgaruki was gone. He never returned.

"I ought to know about Dolgaruki," said the lady who told me the story. "I studied piano under him."

-- W. J. Lemke

Springdale American Legion (continued from page 4)

Gus Sanders was Commander in 1954. Joint meetings held by local Legion Posts and Chambers of Commerce saved the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville from the so-called economy axe. The boys of the Junior Baseball team (Legion-sponsored) were sent to St. Louis to see the Cardinals play baseball. The Post not only cooperated with the Good-fellows to bring cheer to needy families at Christmas but fed one such family all winter. The Post voted $2,000 towards the building of a Springdale Recreation Park.

This brief history of the Clarence E. Beeley Post, American Legion, of Springdale, Arkansas, has been brought to the present. The many smaller acts of Service done by this Post have not been included for fear such a list might tire the reader by its length. Enough such acts have been given, though, to show the Post a decided asset to Northwest Arkansas. The Legion year runs from midyear to midyear, a circumstance which sometimes makes it a bit difficult for the historian to pinpoint events. For a number of years now, the Clarence E. Beeley Post has had a lady adjutant in Eva Atwood, a nurse, who served with the A.E.F. in France in World War I.

--T.R.

Service with a Capital "S"

A History of Clarence E. Beeley Post No. 139, American Legion

By Thomas Rothrock

The briefest possible history of the Clarence E. Beeley Post No.139, American Legion, Springdale, would be told by the word "Service"--capital "S".

To begin at the beginning with a somewhat more detailed history, the World War I men of Springdale sent First National Bank's Fay Stafford to the first American Legion convention in St. Louis with instructions to get information toward organizing a Legion Post at Springdale. This was in the fall of 1920.

In 1921 the Post was organized with 15 charter members, as follows: W. G. Ownbey, John L. Stafford, Harold E. Henson, J. Webb Powell, Earl Kennan, James E. Martin, Clarence A. Ballard, Willie T. Pugh, Allen D. Erwin, Percy W. Boone, Samuel Donohoe, Charles H. Hamby, Paul T.Glass, John D. Reid, Howard D. Ewalt. Col. W.G.Ownbey was chosen Commander. The Post was given the name of Clarence E. Beeley, a Springdale man who served with the Second Division in World War I, and who fell on an October day in 1918 when all was not quiet on the western front.

Harold Henson was the 1922 Commander; Sam Moore in 1923; Sam Watkins in 1924; Harold Henson in 1925; Harold Henson in 1926. By now the program of Service for which the Post has been noted was beginning to take shape. Every month now some useful civic work was done. An example was the building of a hitchrack for the convenience of those who were still using wagon or buggy.

Jack Van Ausdell was Commander in 1927, and again in 1928. The Post membership reached 65. There was created an emergency squad to be immediately called forth in times of need. A plot just across the street from the city park was leased for a place upon which to erect a Hut. In July 1928, Col.W.G.Ownbey, the Post's first Commander, died.

John Downum was the Commander in 1929; U.A.Lovell in 1930; P.W.Boone in 1931; John Downum in 1932. B.W."Bab" Brooks was Commander in 1933. Due to the Great Depression the Springdale schools were in financial difficulties and were forced to charge tuition. The Post paid the tuition of 16 young students who were unable to pay their own tuition. This year plans began to jell for the building of the Post hut.

"Bab" Brooks was again Commander in 1934. The membership was 76. With Federal aid an attractive Hut of native stone was built. Wilbur Adkinson was Commander in 1935; Memo Morsani in 1936; U. A. Lovell in 1937. The latter year the membership reached a record 118.

Dudley Hunt was Commander in 1938; H. C. Dierich in 1939. The latter year the Post's own "Bab" Brooks was elected State Commander ofthe Legion and the Post reached a total of 177 members. D.A.Hairston was Commander in 1940. At the Post's annual Christmas party there were 225 underprivileged children in attendance. Christmas cheer was taken to 23 needy families, too.

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Dr. L. A. Smith was Commander in 1941. The Post sponsored the annual drive for food for the Arkansas Crippled Children's Home. Every Post and Auxiliary member came to the aid of a buddy who lost all worldly possessions by fire.

B.B.Brogdon was Commander in 1942. The Post collected 825 pounds of precious scrap aluminum. It also purchased Defense Bonds. The Post's own Harold Henson re-entered the Army as a Major. Noah M. Woolsey was Commander in 1943. The Post collected 1,500 phonograph records for our Armed Forces, cooperated in War Bond sales campaigns, collected scrap metals. The Post's own H.C.Dierich was elected District Commander.

J.W.B.Work was Commander in 1944. The Post's H.C.Dierich was presented the Silver Beaver, one of Scouting's highest awards, for his work as Scoutmaster. The Post put its weight behind the GI Bill of Rights for World War II veterans.

H.C.Dierich was Commander in 1945. Two Post members suffered family losses in World War II. The Post and its friends donated 200 bushels of food to the Arkansas Crippled Children's Home, with transportation, as always, furnished free by the Jones Truck Lines. The membership in 1945 was 150.

Kirby Beller was Commander in 1946. The Legion's Silver Cup was presented to the Post's Service Officer, U. A. Lovell, for meritorious service. Springdale's first annual Rodeo of the Ozarks, sponsored by the Post, assisted by the Chamber of Commerce and owners of Farmers' Livestock Barn, was held. All possible help was rendered to World War II veterans and families in regard to housing and employment. Membership this year was 325. Young blood added to the old!

Espen Walters was Commander in 1947. As customary, the Post sent boys and girls to the annual Boys' and Girls' States at Little Rock. The Post contributed $1,300 to the Springdale Benevolent Association. Wayne Allen was Commander in 1948. At the annual awards assembly at Springdale High School, the American Legion awards for the outstanding boy and girl of the senior class went to Glenn Parsons and Carol Clark. A committee, with Ray Wilmoth as chairman, completely remodeled the Springdale High School athletic field.

Wayne Allen was Commander in 1949. The Post, with the Springdale Benevolent Association, put on the annual Rodeo of the Ozarks with more talent and prize money than ever before. Younger post members made a record for blood donations. Bob Fisher was Commander in 1950. The Post voted to let the city school system use the Post Hut free for the coming year to help with the overflow of school children. The membership of the Post in 1950 was 389.

Vol Lester was Commander in 1951. Five boys were sent by the Post to Boys' State; two girls to Girls' State. The Post's Wayne Allen was elected First District Commander. Bill Gutensohn was Post Commander in 1952. The Post's own U.A.Lovell was elected First Vice-Commander of the Arkansas Department, American Legion. The Post furnished a room in the Springdale Memorial Hospital at a cost of $600, and also gave $80 to the Child Welfare Fund. Ray (Burley) Wilmoth was Commander in 1953. The Post's U. A. Lovell was appointed to the National Committee of Graves Registration and Memorials.

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Washington County Marriages in 1851

Jan.18 - Wm.B.Austin & Mary Ann Wear, by Rev. Benjamin M. Routh
Jan.23 - Andrew Barron & Winny Stevenson, by Larkin Tankersley, J.P.
Feb. 2 - James Mhoon & Finy Dame (?), by Ambrose Blackburn, J.P.
Feb.15 - Thomas Munsey (?) & Nancy Smith, by J.J.Larremore, J.P.
Feb.19 - James W.Reggins & MaryAnn Sherwood, by Rev. John Holcomb
Feb.23 - James Riddle & Pernetta Davison, by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
Feb.27 - Henry Lewis & Martha Marzee Arington, by Jonathan Stout, J.P.
Feb.27 - Hiram Barns & Dicy Spencer, by Rev. Wm. McMillan
Mar. 2 - L.B.W.Macon & Nancy Joyce, by Ambrose Blackburn, J.P.
Mar. 6 - William Massey & Nancy Lewis, by Rev. John Mayes
Mar.12 - James F.Anderson & Sarah E.Philips, by Rev. Benjamin M. Routh
Mar.18 - John Hunter & Laura Jane Crawford, by Rev. Benj. J. Carnahan
Mar.19 - James West & Mary A. Pittman, by Rev. Andrew Buchanan
Mar.26 - Samuel Watts & Elizabeth J. Harris, by John Enyart, J.P.
Mar.27 - Philander Powell & Lydia Lewis, by Rev. Daniel Henry
Apr. 9 - James Harer & Jane Standifer, by John Robinson, J.P.
Apr.24 - Wm. A. Langston & Mary Ann Austin, by Rev. Benj. M. Routh
May 8 - Reynolds May & Sarah Crozier, by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
May 15 - Thomas G. Stone & Malinda Boyd, by Rev. John Holcomb
May 15 - Andrew B.Crawford & Martha Pyeatt, by Rev. John Buchanan
May 29 - John Crawford & Mary Hanna, by John Robinson, J.P.
May 30 - Melville Graham & Sarah J.Williams, by Rev. Wm. McMillan
May 25 - William Lewis & Nancy Webb, by Jonathan Stout, J.P.
May 11 - Andy Wofford & Sarah Ann Obriant, by Jno. B. Crozier, J.P.
May 25 - J.N.Hembree & Martha A. Dolton, by Wm.A.L.Throckmorton, J.P.
June 5 - Franklin Hughs & Susanna Lawrence, by Rev. Robert Graham
June 5 - John Johnson & Nelly Lewis, by Rev. John Mayes
June12 - Nester Fort & Nancy A. Little, by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
June15 - Willis Oxford & Didamy Henderson, by Ambrose Blackburn, J.P.
June12 - Josiah H.Blackburn & Dominda Easley, by Rev. S. W. Blackburn
June16 - C. G. Gilbreath & Cynthy Bloyd, by John Robinson, J.P.
June18 - William Carroll & Mary A. Crum, by Rev. William McMillan
June 19- James C. Hughes & Susan Jane Johnson, by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
June 19- James W.Craig & Elizabeth Rupel, by Rev. William McMillan
June 9 - Ryly Stephens & Rachel Mankins, by Jonathan Stout, J.P.
June25 - Irvine Shelton & Ann McAlester, by Rev. L. S. Marshall
June26 - Septimus D. Hyams & Marian Pierson, by John Robinson, J.P.
June22 - John Whittington & Cynthia Morton, by Rev. John Holcomb
July12 - Samuel R.Land & Maria Ann Layne, by John W. Hunton, J.P.
July13 - George Hancock & July Ann Todd, by Rev. Joseph Baker
July14 - Jesse Morse & Margaret Stout, by Jno. B. Crozier, J.P.
July15 - Andrew J.Fletcher & Mahala Rogers, by W.A.L.Throckmorton, J.P.
July20 - Horatio Lynch & Nancy Graham, by A.C.Males, J.P.
July30 - Robert E. Whinery & Sarah A. Seay, by Rev. Wm. McMillan
Aug. 7 - David Cerry (?) & Levica Smith, by J. F. Bell, J.P.
Aug. 7 - Alex Denny & Virginia Pleasants, by Rev. L. S. Marshall
Aug.14 - Wyatt F. Woodruff & Sarah Jane Engles, by Rev.W.L.McAlister
Aug.17 - Henry B. Jones & Nancy Lyons, by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
Aug.17 - Lewis Collins & Sarah P. Smith, by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
Aug.21 - John H. Pyeatt & Sarah Ann Maxwell, by Rev. John Buchanan
Aug.27 - Ebenezer Crawford & Jane Flemon, by John F. Bell, J.P.
Aug.28 - Hugh Smiley & Nelly Carroll White, by Rev. John Holcomb
Aug.25 - Jacob Yoes & Nancy Lawrence (?), by Rev. James E. Mayfield
Sept.2 - William Boydston & Ritty Smith, by Rev. John Holcomb
Sept.2 - St.John Boydston & Milly Graham, by Rev. John Holcomb
Sept.4 - James Huston Shannon & Lucinda Edna Emmiston, by Rev. G. Pylant

Sept.5 - Joseph Morrison & Phoebe Brotherton, by Larkin Tankersley, J.P.
Sept.9 - James Rainwater & Julia Sanderson, by Rev. Robert Graham
Sept.17- Tilman P. Wisener & Mary Enyart, by Rev. Thos. Stanford
Sept.23- Elbert S. Williams & Margaret M. Shannon, by Rev. Wm. Wilson
Sept.24- Andrew B. Reed & Malissa A. Scott, by Rev. Wm. McMillan
Sept.26- James W. Whitsett & Miriam D. Vandever, by Rev. Moses B. Harris
Sept.28- Felix McCurly & Mahala Gwinn, by Rev. Robert Graham
Oct. 5 - Wm. Harrison & Lucinda Copeland, by Rev. Benjamin J. Carnahan
Oct. 5 - John Striplin & Mary Alexander, by Larkin Tankersley, J.P.
Oct.14 - Earle Holt & Angaline Collins, by Rev. John Barnes
Oct.14 - John H. Hill & Ellen French, by Rev. W. L. McAlister
Oct.27 - Jacob Mulace (?) & Emily Jane Mackey, by Rev. M. B. Harris
Nov. 9 - Doctor McTroy House & Rosannah Yoes, by J. Peerson, J.P.
Nov.16 - Thomas Nance & Adaline Combs, by A. C. Males, J.P.
Nov.18 - Moses Graham & Deby Jane Lynch, by Rev. John Holcomb
Nov.20 - John Dunlap & Melvina Waltrip, by Rev. Benj. M. Routh
Nov.20 - William Anderson & Elisabeth Coughman, by Jones Peerson J.P.
Nov.20 - James Jones & Levina Dickerson, by Rev. Luther M. Bell
Nov.20 - Thomas Williams & Sarah McGarrah, by Rev. Robert Graham
Nov.20 - Sylvester Powell & Julia Mills, by Jonathan Stout, J.P.
Nov.23 - William Alexander & Louisa Jane Cate, by Jones Peerson, J.P.
Nov.27 - George H.Stanford & Elizabeth P.Banks, by Rev. Richard Cardwell
Nov.30 - John Henry Cato & Elizabeth Jane Willcy (?), by Jones Peerson, J.P.
Dec.14 - John M. Winn & Eliza Jane Craig, by John Robinson, J.P.
Dec.21 - Thomas Cline & Margaret Reed, by Rev. James B. McNeill
Dec.21 - Dillon Herby & Eliza Smith, by John F. Bell, J.P.
Dec.16 - Leroy A. Denny & Martha Hash, by Rev. James Harp
Dec.18 - Joseph P. Young & Hester Ann Carlile, by Rev.W.L.McAlister
Dec.22 - Stephen Newberry & Anna Coots, by W. A. L. Throckmorton, J.P.
Dec.23 - Willis Shackelford & Wlizabeth Fitzgerald, by Rev. John Holcomb
Dec.25 - Leonidas Holt & Catherine Buffinton (C.N.), by Jonathan Newman, J.P.
Dec.25 - Moses Whitaker & Susan Hanna, by Jonathan Stout, J.P.
Dec.17 - James Stephenson & Marcha Trimble, by Rev. Robert Graham
Dec.26 - Henry Alberty & Sally Ann Lewis, by Joseph P. Stout, J.P.
Dec.28 - Squire Harrell & Prudence Ann McWilliams, by Rev. G. Pylant
Dec.28 - John H. Holber & Nancy Ann Rogers, by M. W. McMillan, J.P.

Add: 1851 marriages:

Jan. 5 - Moses Garrett & Esther Hash, by Rev. James Mayfield
Jan.14 - Thomas K. May & Mary Jane Cunningham, by Rev. Andrew Buchanan
Jan.23 - Philander D. Moore & Mary Ann Steele, by Rev. R. M. Morgan
Feb. 6 - George W. Featherston & Mary Ann Minerva Appleby, by Rev. Andrew Buchanan

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FLASHBACK to 1891

From the Springdale News, August 1891 - "Stray Shots"

The visitors came out in Gene Fisher's big bus.
Fayetteville beat us but it took some good shooting.
Jno. P. Wood and Will Cravens are graceful with the gun.
Jim Bozarth is left-handed, but he "gets there" just the same.
A number of ladies were out and they enjoyed the sport very much.
Jim Suttle has a brand-new hammerless gun and knows how to use it.
Uncle Dick Miller could shoot better if he didn't use a "country gun."
Jim McIlroy came near being the winner, but unfortunately he missed three birds out of the last five.

Legal Voters of Washington County in 1868

by W. J. Lemke

We present herewith the "Register of Legal Voters of Washington County" for 1868. The list was filed in the office of the Secretary of State on Nov. 16, 1868, and is now in the archives of the Arkansas History Commission. The list was prepared by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, George W. M. Reed, an ex-officer in the Federal army.

According to this "Register", there were only 911 "legal voters" in Washington County in 1868. Yet Washington County cast 1,693 votes in the election of that year when the question of ratification of the Constitution of 1868 was voted on. The record shows that Washington County voted against ratification, 1,124 to 569. The same record shows that there were 2,167 registered voters in Washington County at that time.

So, we have here another one of those mysteries that make history such a fascinating hobby -- How could 1,693 persons vote in 1868 when the Circuit Clerk's official register lists only 911 legal voters?

Ted R.Worley, director of the Arkansas History Commission, suggests that there may have been other registration books besides the list reported to the Secretary of State. This does not seem likely, since Circuit Clerk Reed certifies his list as "complete." Also, the list covers the county pretty well, although there are few "legal voters" listed for the western part of the county -- Cane Hill, Evansville, Morrow, Prairie Grove, Cincinnati. These were Confederate strongholds and contained many "unreconstructed" citizens. A casual examination of the accompanying list will show the absence of names of the Walker and Wilson families in Fayetteville, the Carnahans, Rheas, Shannons, Holcombs, Dukes, Boones, Gunters, Thomasons, Stirmans, and many others.

Mr. Worley writes: "Washington County's vote on question of ratification of the Constitution of 1868 (p. 807 of Debates and Proceedings of the Convention...1868: Little Rock, 1868): For Constitution 569; against Constitution 1124; total vote 1693; total registered voters 2167. The above election result is certified by Alvan C. Gillem, Prevt Major Gen., USA, commanding Fourth Military District. It is dated Headquarters, Vicksburg, Miss., April 23, 1868. Arkansas and Mississippi were in the same military district."

The discrepancy between the total registered voters certified by the army (2,167) and the total "legal voters" certified by George W. M. Reed (911) may possibly be accounted for by the fact that most ex-Confederate soldiers had not yet qualified as "legal voters" in 1868, by taking the oath of amnesty,and many other Confederate sympathizers did not take the trouble of getting their names onthe Circuit Clerk's list. But, they all voted. Washington County voted 1,124 to 569 against the radical Reconstruction constitution, although it was adopted by the State as a whole. There was no oppressive military rule in Washington County after the war, and my guess would be that the citizens voted in 1868 regardless of whether or not their names were on the Circuit Clerk's list. This, of course, is just a guess.

Washington County cast 2,274 votes for Governor in the election of 1860, and 1,916 votes for Governor in 1872. So the total of 2,167 registered voters reported by the Fourth Military District in 1868 seems about right. That makes George W. M. Reed's list of 911 "legal voters" in 1868 seem rather unimportant. Except, that these 911 citizens, by qualifying as "legal voters", left their names on the record.

The numbers are as given in the original. The Clerk skipped certain numbers and duplicated others. Explanation is inserted where this occurred. FLASHBACK owes thanks to Margaret Smith Ross, editor of the Pulaski County Historical Review, who copied the list for us. Here are the names:

REGISTER OF LEGAL VOTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF ARKANSAS, 1868

1. Atwood, Evans
2. Adams, William
3. Arnold, Geo. W.
4. Aaron, Geo. W.
5. Adcock, Sehl."B"
6. Abbott, Benjamin
7. Adkison, Scott
8. Alexander, Wm.L.
9. Ashbrook, John
10. Ashbrook, Aaron
11. Adams, Samuel
12. Andrews, Joseph A.
13. Arrington, Alfred O.
14. Allen, Andrew
15. Allen, William A.
16. Allen, William W.
17. Allen, George D.
18. Adkins, John
19. Aikin, William G.
20. Aikin, John C.
21. Anderson, Alexander
22. Baker, William J.
23. Banta, John
24. Beasley, Thomas
25. Basket, William
26. Baley, W. B.
27. Byrd, Alfred
28. Brasher, Lomax
29. Brownlee, Wm. W.
30. Bunnell, Henry D.
31. Bowman, S. G.
32. Ballard, Thomas "B"
33. Bunnell, James
34. Bates, Henderson
35. Brodie, William B.
36. Baty, Francis M.
37. Brunk, John A.
38. Burrows, Isaac M.
39. Barron, Hiram H.
40. Bishop, Lucies H.
41. Buchanan, Juber
42. Buchanan, Auter
43. Buchanan, Marcus
44. Billingsley, John
45. Bloyed, Peter
46. Brown, Thomas T.
47. Brannon, John S.
48. Bloyed, William
49. Byrd, Lafayette
50. Brock, William H.
51. Bullard, Spencer
52. Barnett, James
53. Bain, John A.
54. Brown, Joel M.
55. Bloyed, James
56. Brown, B. F.
57. Bassett, John N.
58. Bradshaw, Jacob N.
59. Babb, Thomas
60. Barnes, Wiley
61. Babb, Phillip
62. Babb, Joseph B.
63. Brook, Layfayette
64. Brewer, Jacob F.
65. Blackwell, A.J.
66. Bowman, John
67. Banks, William
68. Botefuhr, Hugo C.C.
69. Bake, Eli
70. Bard, Samuel
71. Buchanan, Washington
72. Brooks, Thomas
73. Been, James
74. Bean, Riley
75. Bonham, Jesse
76. Boyd, J. B. B.
77. Baker, William
78. Boone, Edmond
79. Bonhan, John
80. Blight, John
81. Brinson, John M.
82. Buck, E. H.
83. Bowlin, James
84. Boles, Thomas D.
85. Bradley, Daniel
86. Blakely, John L.
87. Buie, John W.
88. Boles, Charles
89. Barnes, Jason A.
90. Buchanan, Chesley M.
91. Blakely, J.P.
92. Boiles, John G.
93. Barington, James
94. Bloyed, Eli
95. Bowers, Leonard B.
96. Brown, Samuel Sr.
97. Brown, Samuel Jr.
98. Bowels, Thomas
99. Blevins, Jackson
100. Beach, Elijah
101. Benbrook, John Q.
102. Bowman, Jacob
(See note at end for sudden change in numbering.)
906. Baker, Richmond
907. Bell, George J.
908. Beck, Denniss
909. Boothe, John M.
910. Barnes, James
911. Blythe, James
103. Cloer, James H.
104. Cloer, Jacob F.
105. Chambless, John W.
106. Cloer, William B.
107. Crawford, Robert D.
108. Cook, Samuel
109. Craig, William W.
110. Cazort, William N.
111. Cantrell, John

112. Chester, John
113. Conner, Thomas
114. Cutchlaw, Henry
115. Chambess, Isaac
116. Cockram, Edward
117. Copeland, John N.
118. Cockram, William
119. Chambess,Calvin
120. Clanton, Burrell
121. Clanton, Alfred
122. Council, James T.
123. Crawley, Wm. S.
124. Carney, George
125. Cavin, James
126. Carter, Adam
127. Cavin, Annias
128. Clark, William
129. Carney, Joseph
130. Carney, Auther E.
131. Caughman, Alfred W
132. Combs, J. D.
133. Carlile, Joseph M.
134. Caughman, Nathan Sr
135. Caughman, Nathan Jr
136. Caldwell, A. H.
137. Chapman, Daniel
138. Caldwell, Rdrick A
139. Caragin, Philamon
140. Caragin, James M.
141. Chandler, John
142. Carter, John C.
143. Campbell, Wm. H.
144. Collins, Nathan S.
145. Chandler, William
146. Castlebery, Amon
147. Chandler, Jeremiah
148. Calfey, Jacob C.
149. Clark, Abros
150. Crabtree, Reese
151. Cate, Obed
152. Colbert, Shedrich
153. Coffey, Lewis
154. Carter, Reubin
155. Carney, N.A.
156. Carter, David
157. Crawford, Wm. H.
158. Campbell, Alexander
159. Carlile, J. L.
160. Cox, Franklin
161. Canefax, Gilbert
162. Coffey, Lewis Jr.
163. Cox, Jacob
164. Cate, Henry T.
165. Cox, E. S.
166. Cassaday, William
(Skipped 167)
168. Chamberlain, Samuel
169. Cook, Jacob
170. Caldwell, George

171. Chandler, John
172. Coward, A. K.
173. Carlile, J. D.
174. Carlile, J. T.
175. Cooper, Washington
176. Casby, Wiley
177. Caldwelle, Coleman
178. Campbell, John L.
179. Caudle, James G.
180. Cook, Merideth
181. Clemmons, Nick
182. Crawford, Mark
183. Cunningham,Jacob
184. Cox, Samuel
185. Cornertt,Lewis M.
186. Coffey, Maurice
187. Combs, Joel A.
188. Cassady, Jerramiah
189. Cardwell, H.G.
190. Carter, Thomas
191. Cardwell, James M.
192. Coffey, Henry B.
193. Campbell, T.M.
194. Combs, Levi
195. Campbell, W.M.
196. Campbell, James M.
197. Caldwell, John M.
198. Cline, George M.
199. Cox, Robert J.
200. Cox, John W.
201. Cox, John
202. (Blank space)
900. Campbell, W.H.
901. Cate, James H.
902. Cox, John
903. Cantrell, W.J.
904. Craig, George
905. Colclasure,Jacob

203. Dutton, Andrew J.
204. Davis, Thompson D.
205. Dorneal, M.P.
206. Deamore, Nathaniel
207. Dickison, Joseph C
208. Donnelson, Thos.W.
209 Donnelson, Wm. R.
210. Delap, J. H.
211. Dale, Marshal N.
212. Dye, William R.
213. Dye, Charles W.
214. Dye, Richard
215. Dearing, C. C.
216. Dodson, Wesley
217. Dearing, Elihu R.
218. Dotson, Isaac
219 Dearing, John
220. Davis, Thomas
221. Dobbin, Allan W.

222 Dye, Calvin M.
223 Dye, Thomas H.
224 Dye, William S.
225 Dallas, Robert
226 Dickinson, James
227 Dunam, Henry
228 Daniel, William B.
229 Dockery, William J.
230 Dotson, Jordan
231 Daugherty, Hugh
232 Davis, Henry
233 Dill, F. M.
234 Darnell, David
235 Dickey, William
236 Edwards, Davied M.
237 Elliot, James M.
238 Edward, John A.
239 Edmiston, Henry H.
240 Eidston, Joseph A.
241 Ellis, Isaac
242 Edy, Samuel
243 Edmiston, Thomas
244 Engle, William
245 Easley, William
246 Eidson, William H.
247 Ediston, Henry
248 Edward, William
249 Farrell, James
250 Fitzgerald, Isaac S.
251 Farrell, Thomas
252 Fitzgerald, John
253 Fitzgerald Andrew
254 Fitzgerald, Francis M
255 Fitzgerald, John Sr.
256 Fitzgerald, John Jr.
257 Fulgham, Elias W.
258 Fike, Davied S.
259 Fridal, Chrestron D.
260 Fallin, Thomas
261 Flippin, Samuel W.
262 Ferguson, Henry H.
263 Francisco, Thomas
264 French, Robert
265 Floyd, Jasper
266 Foster, John
267 Fincher, James A.
268 Foster, Isaac
269 Fisher, Peter
270 Fincher, John
271 Ferguson, Joel M.
272 Fellow, Isaac N.
273 Francisco, George
274 Fletcher, J. L.
275 Flyn, William Jr.
276 Flyn, William Sr.
277 Fincher, William L.
278 Gipon, Shadrick
279 Gregg, Benson W.
280 Gibson, John

281 Grigory, David
282 Grigory, James
283 Godard, Jesse W.
284 Godard, Dallas
285 Gilbreath, Henderson
286 Gilbreath, Cyrus G.
287 Gilliland, James C.
288 Graham, William C.
289 Gilbreath, Stephen D
290 Grigory, William
291 Graham, Wilson
292, Grigory, Malachi
293 Godard, Wesley
294 Gains, Joshua
295 Green, Henry
296 Gilliland, W. J.
297 Granade, H. M.
298 Gaines, B.J.H.
299 Garriett, Martin
300 Gilliland, Allen J.
301 Gambell, R.M.
302 Gilstrap, Wesley H.
303 Homesley, Sidney E.
304 Homesley, Marion F.
305 Homesley, Burrell W.
306 Homesley, Levi
307 Hunter, Wm. A.
308 Henchaw, M.H.
309 Huckabey, Leward
310 Holt, DeKalb
311 Huntsucker, Wm.
312 Harden, John S.
313 Henson, Gilbert
314 Hutinson, Wiley B.
315 Holt, Benjamin
316 Hodges, Mathias
317 Hodges, Robert
318 Hodges, Edward
319 Hodges, William
320 Hodges, Edmond
321 Hodges, Rollen E.
322 Henry, Ewing
323 Howell Marshall
324 Hurlbutt, Marshall
325 Horn, Samuel W.
326 Horn, George H.
327 Hulse, Isaac N.
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329 Hutchinson, W. H.
330 Hope, Ralph T.
331 House, Marell
332 Harp, A.J.
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334 Hanna, Samuel
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334 Harris, W.A.M.
335 Hunt, William
336 Harris, Standrix
337 Hicks, Elijah
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339 Hicks, Augustin B.
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344 Harris, Samuel
345 Harris, William M.
346 Hannah, William
347 Hughes, Joseph
348 Hobbs, Jesse H.
349 Hews, John G.
350 Harris, Milton
351 Hannah, Jeremiah C.
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353 Hood, Juhugh
354 Hash, Benjamin F.
355 Henderson, Wm.
356 Hodges, R. W.
357 Ham, E.D.
358 Henderson, E.E.
359 Holt, Eli F.
360 Hauptman, Napoleon
361 Hunt, Thomas J.
362 Harrison, E.B.
363 Huckeby, Robert G.
364 Henson, A.
365 Hester, Ransom
366 Hicks, Neal
367 Holt, Thomas P.
368 Holloman, James
369 Henry, Alexander
370 Henry, Marshal
371 Henry, John B.
372 Henry, James M.
373 Holland, Wm. D.
374 Huffachar, James L.
375 Hickson, Thomas
376 Hickerson, John W.
377 Hennesey, John
378 Hewett, John
379 Hood, James A.
380 Harrison, M.LaRue
381 Irvin, B.F.
382 Irvin, John
383 Ingram, Joseph
384 Joines, Moses R.
385 Johnson, Francis M.
386 Johnson, Andrew J.
387 Johnson, Thomas
388 Johnson, Joseph
389 Johnson, Micajah
390 Johnson, Wm. M.
391 Jack, Daniel
392 Jack, Abraham
393 Jack, Alfred
394 Jack, Henry
395 Jackson, Charles
396 Jones, Riley
397 Jones, James A.
398 Johnson, Benjamin F.
399 Johnson, John A.
400 Johnson, James
401 Jett, William
402 Jett, John B.
403 Jones, Nineson (?)
404 Jones, C.M.
405 Jack, William A.
406 Joice, William R.
407 Johnson, John F.
408 Johnson, J.C.
409 Johnson, Moses
410 Jones, William F.
411 Jones, W.W.
412 Jones, A.J.
413 Job, Daniel B.
414 Johnson, Jefferson
415 Johnson, J.Q.
416 Jones, William H.
417 Johnson, John
418 Johnson, Andrew J.
419 Jernigan, L.D.
420 Kinzey, Francis M.
421 King, Hiram
422 King, Willis J.
423 King, Joseph R.
424 King, Earle
425 King, Wesley
426 Keck, Theopolis
427 Keck, Jacob
428 Keaton, Daniel
429 Kelley, John R.
430 Kaiser, Jacob
431 Keaton, James
432 Karnes, Daniel H.
433 Karnes, William
434 Karnes, John
435 Kelley, William
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435 Kelley, William B.
436 Knudson, John
437 Lichlyter, Rufus
438 Lichlyter, John H.
439 Lynch, Hiram P.
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501 Lewis, Wesley
502 Lutrell, Shelton
503 Lightfoot, Richard L.
504 Lamett, Joseph
505 Looper, Enoch
506 Larramore, James A.
507 Larramore, Geo.W.
508 Leach, Ambrose
509 Lewis, William M.

510 Larramore, Joseph
511 Long, John C.
512 Lewis, Bracken Jr.
513 Long, Moses B.
514 Lewis, Joel H.
515 Lewis, George W.
516 Lockmiller, H.G.
517 Loring, Reubin
518 Lewis, Zacariah
519 Little, John
520 Lofton, Meredith
521 Lofton, Giles
522 Little, Angus
523 Langston, Henry
524 Little, Benjamin F
525 Lichlyter, Isaac F.
526 Little, George W.
527 Little, Thomas
528 Lankin, T.W.
529 Linebarger, Michael
530 Lewis, Alfred
531 Linebarger, T.A.
532 Looper, W.H.
533 Luper, Gilbert C.
534 Luper, Gilbert
535 Moody, John
536 Means, Thomas
537 Means, Isaac
538 Mayes, William
539 McMorris, Samuel
540 McMorris, Wm. H.
541 Moore, Alexander
542 Morton, William A.
543 Martin, E.S.T.G.
544 Martin, James H.
545 Marta, Hhave
546 Magness, Meredith
547 Mitchell Wm.K.N.
548 Martin, Henry S.
549 Marrs, Samuel
550 Marr s, John P.
551 Marrs, Alexander
552 Marrs, Isaac N.
553 McCamish, Wm.A.
554 Martindale, Wm.F.
555 Malicoat, Dedman
556 Malicoat, Hamlin
557 McKnight, Thomas
558 Martin, Kalib
559 McCoy, George W.
560 Manasco, John
561 Malone, Moses
562 Martin, Wm. J.
563 Marshal, Joseph E.
564 Malone, W.J.
565 Miller, Olivar P.
566 McKinzey, John
567 Mills, Seth
568 McKneely, Phillip
569 Muston, James B.
570 Morgan, Benjamin
571 Moore, Joshua R.
572 Meredith, John W.
573 Michaels, Daniel
574 McDowell, James J.
575 McCamish, John
576 McCome, E.L.
577 McIntosh, George
578 McLin, Alexander
579 Miller, Hiram R.
580 McWilson, John
581 McGuire, Henderson
582 McGuire, Simon
583 McCoy, Phillip
584 Moore, Albert A.
585 Mayes, Franklin
586 McClellan, Samuel
587 McCinney, Andy
588 Martin, Henry C.
589 Mankins, Wm. H.
590 Marion, Wm. H.
591 Monder, Charles
592 Miller, Allen B.
593 Morgan, James P.
594 Mayes, Samuel
595 Mayes, Robert
596 Mullinix, Eli J.
597 Madison, James
598 Mayes, Samuel
599 Mathews, Abraham
600 Mayes, William
601 Maxey, John
602 Marrs, James A.
603 Masoner, Jacob N.
604 Mounts, J.F.
605 McIlroy, William
606 McGarrah, Mathew
607 Mathews, J.M.
608 Moloy, W.L.
609 Mayes, W.Z.
610 Mayes, Joseph
611 Marrs, H.W.
612 Magarrah, James S.
613 Morrison, Aaron
614 Nicks, Samuel
615 Nolen, Wm. L.
616 Nott, Wm.H.H.
617 Note, J.H.
618 Nutting, J.B.
619 Nolen, Samuel
620 Neal, William
621 Neighbors, L.S.
622 Osborn, John
623 Olivar, John
624 Orry, James M.
625 Pearson, John
626 Pearson, William C.
627 Phillips, Wilson
628 Pearson, James H.
629 Patton, Henry T.
630 Phelan, Jeremiah L.
631 Porterfield, James A.
632 Phipps, Thomas J.
633 Phipps, James
634 Phipps, James W.
635 Pate, Silas D.C.
636 Poor, Nelson
637 Presley, William
638 Parks, William B.
639 Phillips, John
640 Parks, John O.
641 Pearson, Daniel L.
642 Phelan, Thomas
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642 Porter, W.H.
642 Pascal, Thomas
643 Pascal, John
644 Pascal, Thomas G.
645 Parott, Henry L.
646 Payne, John J.
647 Pool, John K.
648 Pool, Augustin C.
649 Pool, Francis M.
650 Parker, Pleasant
651 Perry, James P.
652 Payne, William P.
653 Paddock, S.F.
654 Pollard, John L.
655 Patton, T.C.
656 Payne, Esequal
657 Priestly, Esau
658 Patton, James
659 Phelan, Thomas
660 Pettigrew, Thomas
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663 Pearson, John A.
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672 Rose, John
673 Rose, James
674 Rose, William C.
675 Rust, Quartee E.
676 Reed, John R.
677 Reed, Joseph
678 Reed, Samuel K.
679 Reese, William W.

680 Reese, John
681 Rick, Abraham
682 Richardson, Levi
683 Rhinehard, Michael
684 Rutherford, Wm.M.
685 Rieff, John H.
686 Rutherford, John A.
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689 Rutherford John W.
690 Reed, Adam, J.
691 Robertson, John W.
692 Robertson, W.H.
693 Reed, J.M.
694 Reed, John
695 Robertson, A.C.
696 Robertson, David E.
697 Rutherford, Robt A.
698 Ramey, Ephraim
699 Ramey, Owen
700 Ramey, Benjamin
701 Ramey, James M.
702 Ritter, Daniel
703 Reed, Nathaniel
704 Ritter, John
705 Reed, A.W.
706 Reed, G.W.M.
707 Reed, Thomas F.
708 Reed, Lewis S.
709 Reed, John W.
710 Reed, Jerry M.
711 Reed, Robert W.
712 Richardson, John A
713 Rizzley, John
714 Rogers, William L
715 Roddel, Charlton
716 Robbins, Jo
717 Rieff, Wesley
718 Robinson, Sherod
719 Robinson, George
720 Rogers, Levi R.
721 Ramey, J.M.
722 Roach, William
723 Rieff, John
724 Rudolph, Geo.F.
725 Ross, William
726 Ripper, Thomas W
727 Reeder, Joseph T.
728 Roberts, Thomas
729 Risley, Wilson
730 Rhodes, J.W.
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734 Stone, L.D.
735 Sumner, Samuel
736 Smith, Laben
737 Smith, Joseph
738 Smith, Samuel (?)C.
739 Smith, William
740 Skaggs, James A.
741 Smith, Bolen
742 Sizemore, James
743 Skelly, James
744 Slater, Milow
745 Smith, Charles W
746 Sinclare, William
747 Smith, George R.
748 Smith, Wm. T.
749 Stout, Charles M
750 Scott, James W.
751 Sawyer, Henry A.
752 Strickler, Jacob
753 Strickler, Wm.B.
754 Sawyers, J.M.
755 Sawyers, Robert A
756 Sawyers, A.H.
757 Spence, Job
758 Sherry, Green W.
759 Skelton, Alfred
760 Skelton, Wm. N.
761 Skelton, John L.
762 Sherry, John C.
763 Smedley, Green E.
764 Sevier, Wm. J.
765 Springston, Wm. Sr
766 Springston, Wm Jr
767 Stewart, Thomas
768 Skelton, Robert
769 Strickler, John
770 Stout, Samuel J
771 Stout, William
772 Stout, Jeremiah
773 Stout, Jonathan
774 Stout, Davied H.
775 Springston, Warren
776 Stone, James W.
777 Strickland, Charles
778 Son, James
779 Still, John
780 Smith, Charles
781 Srigins, Patton
782 Smith, Daniel
783 Sidwell, D.W.
784 Shrum, John
785 Still, Searing
786 Shreve, Wilson
787 Shreve, Samuel P.
788 Shreve, Wm. F.
789 Shreve, George
790 Shepherd, Wm. C.
791 Stewart, Thomas
792 Sharp, William S.
793 Son, John J.
794 Smith, Willis H.
795 Seymore, Robert
796 Sutton, Seaborn A
797 Sawyers, John M.
798 Sherrod, James L.
799 Seymoure, James W
800 Stigall, William
801 Summers, C.L.
802 Stark, Denton D.
803 Stern, S.S.
804 Smith, Jacob M.
805 Stephenson, James
806 Slaughter, O.D.
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808 Thompson, James T
809 Trout, Josiah
810 Tyler, Joseph
811 Thomas, John
812 Tucker, Pleasant B
913 Trammel, Jarriet
813 Turman, William
814 Thomas, Daniel T.
815 Tune, Asberry
816 Tune, Charles
817 Taylor, John S.
818 Thomas, John R.
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820 Taylor, Elephus
821 Todd, William A.
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826 Tollett, Donnes
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829 Tollett, Robert
829 Thomason, T.W.
830 Vandever, Charles M.
831 Vauter, John C.
832 Vance, Pascal
833 Vass, James
834 Vanhorn, John
835 Vaughn, Elijah
836 Vaughn, William Sr
837 Vaughn, William Jr
838 Van Hoose, James H.
839 Vaughn, Charles
840 Woolsey, James A.
841 Wiggin, Elijah
842 Webster, J.B.
843 Williams, Joseph
844 Wood, Joseph P.
845 Wood, Richard M.
846 Winn, Eli
847 Winn, Zaddock
848 Wilbanks, William
849 Wood, Joseph B.
850 Wood, John D.
851 Winn, Zaddock
852 Wells, Washington

853 Webb, David
854 Winkler, Henry
855 Williams,Phillips
856 Williams,John C.
857 White,Alexander
858 West, Hesekirah
859 Walkup, Finley
860 Williams,Andrew J
861 Williams,Warren
862 Wilson, James H.
863 Wallace, Ross
864 Wallace, Bryant
865 Wilson, W.C.
866 Wilson, John
867 Winkler, Samuel
868 Wood, Nelson
869 Wesley, John
870 Wakefield,Britton
871 Wakefield, John
872 Walker, George
873 Wilson, Ransom
874 West, James
875 Wood, Andrew
876 Williams,Tomas
877 Watts, M.J.
878 Wheeler, King
879 Walker, Phillip
880 White, James M.
881 Wilson, James H.
882 Wilson, John R.
883 Woody, Wm. B.
884 Wilson, Thomas
Whala, Jesse A.
886 White, John
887 Wallace, Jack
888 Wheet, James
889 Wilson, David
890 Williams, Thomas
891 Williford
892 Wisoner, William J.
893 Walker, Robtert L.D.
894 Yoes, Jacob Sr.
895 Yoes, Jacob Jr.
896 York, William J.
897 Young, Richard
898 Zackrey, George W.
899 Zelleah, Joseph

Total amount, 911
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State of Arkansas
County of Washington
I, George W. M. Reed, clerk of the circuit court within and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that this Book is true and complete copy of the registered voters of Washington County taken from the books that is now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office in Fayetteville this Nov. 6th, 1868.
G. W. M. Reed, Clerk

FLASHBACKS to 63 Years Ago
(Culled from the Fayetteville Democrat of 1891 by Tom Feathers)

Thursday, August 6, 1891

Peaches are larger, better, and more numerous than for many years.

Miss Mary Leverett of the class of '86 is attending the Summer Normal at Eureka Springs.

Last Thursday night Mr. W.H.Hamby, who lives ten miles south of this place, was the victim of a robbery in which the thief secured $1500 in gold and silver. The thief or thieves entered the home while the family was absent at church, not more than 200 yards from the house. The money was in a tin can in a bureau drawer. The matter was kept quiet in hope the guilty parties might be discovered.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting to take action in regard to having Arkansas represented at the World's Fair and to elect delegates to the state convention called by Govr. Eagle. Dr. B.F.Williams served as chairman and S.E.Marrs as secretary. Delegates elected were L.Gregg, J.N.Tillman, E.B.Harrison, B.F.Williams, A.M.Read, T.M.Gunter James Dodson, J.J.Baggett, Robert Hanna and Samuel Cook. Alternates: Thos. Brooks, S. E. Marrs, H.F. Reagan, D.C.Ambrose, W.G.Vincenheller, W.J.Patton, F.R.Earle, James Oates, W.D.Moore, J.E.Trahin.

FLASHBACKS to 63 Years Ago
(Culled from the Fayetteville Democrat of 1891 by Tom Feathers)

Thursday, August 20, 1891

At the Prairie Grove speaking Saturday, Hon. Hugh A. Dinsmore made a strong point when he called the attention of the farmers to the fact that the manufacturers, corporations and trusts are almost solidly arraged against the Democratic party. Is not this the strongest argument that these moneyed powers consider that the success of the Democratic party would interfere with their systematic robbery of the people?

C. M. Oliver has taken the contract to carry the mail from this city to Cincinnati for $800.

Dr. J. P. Hight of Wesley was doing business in this city Tuesday.

Visitors to the city during the week have included Col. Sam H. West of St. Louis, and Frank Deaver and H. A. Daily of Springdale.

Teachers should not forget the District Teachers Institute which meets at Springdale next Monday.

The annual reunion of the Blue and the Gray is being held at Pea Ridge this week. General Cabell of Dallas,Texas, is one of the orators for the occasion.

Prof. Gates will open a graded school at the public school building Monday, August 31. He will be assisted by Miss Shelton, Mrs. Stapp and other competent teachers.

There will be a Grand Opening of the Fall Season at Woods' Opera House next Monday, August 24, with the Georgia Minstrels, the largest colored troupe now before the public.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Arkansas Industrial University, until the 15th day of September 1891, for painting and calcimining the interior of the University building. J.L.Cravens, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

SENT TO ETERNITY

A tragedy occurred near Johnson's Switch at an early hour yesterday that sent another soul into eternity. One D.J.Morgan, a well-known horse trader, and Chris Lomax, a young farmer, quarreled on Tuesday about a fence and some hard words passed between them. About sun-up yesterday Morgan was passing the house of Lomax with his little boy riding behind him when it is said Lomax came out and began to throw rocks at him. Morgan pulled his pistol and fired three shots, killing Lomax instantly. He then put his little boy down and fled. Sheriff Combs was telegraphed for and immediately started for the scene.

LATER

Since the above was in type we learn that the evidence before the Coroner's jury did not show that Lomax assaulted Morgan with rocks. Morgan crossed White River at Head's Ford yesterday going east. Sheriff Combs is still in pursuit.

Brentwood Cemetery

The Brentwood cemetery on Highway 71 a few miles north of Winslow contains many pioneers who came to the West Fork valley in early days. Civil War veterans buried at Brentwood are:

Sgt. James N. Brown of Co.I, 61st Illinois Infantry (1836-1905) and wife Mary E. (1838-1924)
Daniel F. Brown of Co.I, 83rd Illinois Inf., and wife Charlotte (1848)
James Gibson of Co. C, 41st Illinois Infantry
William Scudder of Co. D, 124th Indiana Infantry
Samuel Williamson of Co.H, 49th Missouri Infantry
A Myers of Co.A, 6th Arkansas Cavalry, CSA.

Among the older persons buried here are:

C. F. Brown (1807-1886)
William Browning (1815-1887)
W. B. Fine (1816-1880) and Millie Fine (1817-1894)
Elizabeth, wife of Levi Pitts (1816-1883)
T. Q. Miller (1818-1892)
W. H. Nott (1818-1881)
Wynney, wife of Aquilla Hutchens (1821-1896)
Sarah, wife of A. Crawford (1824-1883)
A. S. Lyons (1826-1893)
Dozier F. Parker (1828-1908) and wife Melvina (1829-1916)
John Knott (1834-1885)
John Peter Lehn (1835-1894) and wife Hannah Jordan (1849-1937)
S. J. Jones (1835-1907) and Amanda C. Jones (1850-1934)
Thomas B. Jones (1836-1907) and Susan H. Jones (1839-1930)
Mary J., wife of Martin Wilson (1836-1884)
Patia Orman (1839-1906)
Simeon W. Parrish (1845-1932) and wife Mary A. (1846-1939)
Thomas J. Budd (1845-1922) and wife Louisa E. (1850-1923)
Zack Fine (1847-1923) and wife Eliza (1851- ?)
Martha A Peters (1847-1906)
Dallas C. Huey (1851-1934) and wife Maggie B. (1853-1933)
J. B. Jett (1852-1935)
Temperance Ryker (1853-1928)
L. A. Inman (1854-1915)
Aquilla Green Hutchens (1854-?) and wife Mary Eliza Williams (1861-1931)
Morris Titus (1854-1913) and wife Margaret D. (1847-1925)
A. W. Brown (1855-1917) and Syd Brown (1864- ?)
J. J. White (1855-1921) and wife Emma (1861-1928)
James W. Mills (1856-1941) and wife Elizabeth J. (1856- ?)
John Partridge (1857-1928) and Martha Partridge (1870-1949)
Jesse E. London (1857-1923) and wife Annie C. (1860-1933)
George W. Mills (1858-1951) and wife Susan C. (1860-1943)
H. M. Wright (1859-1947)
Phebe Miller (1859-1937)
Louisa, wife of E. L. Adams (1860-1884)
George Rufus Gunnels (1861-1931) and wife Agnes Ann (1867-1930)
Clarence D. Brainard (1861-1943) and wife Annie C. (1862- ?)
Mack Titus (1862-1912) and Irene Titus) (1855-1919)

World War veterans buried in Brentwood cemetery are:

Charles J. Brunson (1873-1948), 1st Lt., 56th Pioneer Inf., W.W. I
J. Waymon Chandler (1923-1944), AMM 3/c, World War II
Dawson Bailey Jr. (1929-1947*, PFC, Air Corps, World War II

An interesting group of graves bear these markers:
Lars Olsen (1811-1907), "father of O. Larsen"
I. Talbert (1826-1906), "father of R. Larsen"
Ole Larsen (1847-1922) and wife Rhoda (1855-1930)

The Brentwood cemetery contains several hundred fieldstone markers. Some are large sandstone markers cut in unusual design. Two crude home-made markers indicate the graves of John and Mary Painter (no dates). Among the fine old engraved headstones are two that mark the graves of children of Thomas and Lucinda Brooks. They are: Laura M. (1856-1861) and John W. (born and died 1860).

Other family names in the Brentwood cemetery not previously mentioned are:

Bailey	Duncan	Morgan	Robinson
Beadle	Harrison	Newlin	Roper
Bogan	Haws	Owen	Rush
Bradshaw	Hill	Parker	Ryan
Budd	Hooten	Paschal	Sergeant
Cartwell	Jett	Pennington	Smith
Cole	Land	Peters	Standley
Craytor	Ledford	pierce	Tomlinson
Denton	Livingston	Poe	Watkins
Devore	McKnight	Powell	Wells
Dillard	May	Ransdell	

Oakland

The Oakland cemetery is one of our county's newer and smaller burial grounds. Situated across from the Baptist Church in the Oakland community, 4 miles northeast of Fayetteville, it commands a beautiful view for miles. It contains about one hundred graves. The oldest dated burials are of 1920, although it is possible that the fieldstones mark earlier ones.

The cemetery contains a number of Iveys, the oldest being John Ivey (1849-1920) and his wife Mary E. (1868-1949). Other pioneers of this community who sleep here are:

Bill Culender (1840-1922) and wife Mollie (1846-1924)
G. F. Plumlee (1854-1928) and wife Amanda (1854-1932)
J. J. Warren (1853-1939) and wife M. E. (1863- ?)
Sarah J. Seabolt (1855-1920)
James W. Brown (1858-1937) and wife Laura A. (1860- ?)
T. Bridgewater (1861- ?) and wife Mary (1858-1932)
Malinda Millikan (1860-1934)
Thomas Melvin (1861-1933) and wife Flora Ellen (1876-1941)
Eld. L. L. Johnson (1863-1934) and Lizzie L. Johnson (1865-1938)
Fannie S. Wilson (1862-1939) and Ethel B. Wilson (1868-1944)

Other family names found in the Oakland cemetery include: Allen, Dillard, Dockery, Ford, Gentry, Gulley, Harrison, Houston, Long, Mullenix, Priddy, Trollinger, Tucker, Turpin and Williams.

Summers Cemetery

The old church is falling down but the cemetery behind it, where are buried pioneers who came to Washington County before Arkansas achieved statehood, retains its dignified charm and attractive appearance. This old graveyard is located 3 miles southwest of Summers and contains the early members of the Little, Drake, Thomason, Elms, Price, Estes, Kirk, Shannon and Washington families.

The Elms family is represented by:
Katy Elms (1824-1906)
Jones W. Elms (1828-1897) and wife Eveline E. (1833-1894) and their daughters, Mary E. (1851-1911) and Alta (1854-1919)
E. C. Elms (1832-1892) and Rebecca Elms (1856-1929)
Henderson C. Elms (1856-1926) and Aminta P. Elms (1862-1925)

The Kirk family is represented by
John H. Kirk (1834-1900) and wife Nancy J. (1838-1917)
D. C. Kirk (1850-1890) and wife Nancy C. (1855-1937)
Albert L. Kirk (1860-1930) and wife Martha (1868-1941)
The Kirks also have a World War soldier -- Frank M. Kirk of the 307th Infantry, 77th Division, who died April 30, 1941. Three pioneer families are combined in the name of Price Shannon Kirk (1904-1931).

The Drake family has Wesley Drake (1818-1907) and wife Martha (1829-1906); also, Pauline J. Drake, wife of J.A.Wilson (1851-1897)
The Little family has:
Samuel R. Little (1836-1908) and Nancy E. Little (1855-1936)
Ewen M. Little (1843-1903) and wife Sallie E. (1847-1934)
A. H. Little (1845-1919) and wife Sarah J. (1839-1917)
Ambros H. Little (1859-1909)

There are many unidentifiable graves in the Summers cemetery, most of them having field-stone markers. Among the older settlers whose monuments bear name and date are:
Ann Spears (1814-1879)
D. C. Price (1814-1891) and wife (1) Catherine A. (1815-1870) and (2) Sarah A. (1836-1872)
Elizabeth, wife of H. R. West (1814-1912)
Elizabeth, "wife of J. Billingsley, formerly J.A.Grayum" (1817-1887)
R. G. Estes (1818-1902) and wife Matilda R. (1836-1894)
J. D. Thomason (1822-1899) and wife Nancy (1825-1904)
H. S. Dunlap (1825-1892) and wife Ellen L. (1833-1892)
W. R. N. Mitchell (1832-1907) and wife Artilla R. (1825-1911)
George W. Hardick (1833-1907), a Civil War soldier whose monument bears the G.A.R. insignia
Charles C. Washington (1832-1897) and wife (1) Sarah J. (1825-1880) and (2) Isabella (1853-1930)
Isaac S. Kellam (1836-1877)
T. J. Shannon (1834-1896) and wife Artimesia E. (1824-1915)
Thomas F. Edmiston (1839-1884)
W. J. Parker (1841-1929) and wife Minerva J. (1856-1913)
Mary H. Tweedie (1842-1914)
R. B. Venable (1842-1923) and wife Cartha (1843-1918)
Dr. M. L. Barnes (1843-1922) and wife S.E. (1844-1906)
Robert C. Freedle (1843-1918) and wife Emily T. (1848-1924)
Anna Price Green (1845-1912)
I. N. Whittenberg (1846-1921) and wife Mary Jane (1851-1931)

Charles J. Ballard (1846-1925)
Thomas S. Tennant (1847-1925) and wife Talitha (1849-1925)
Samuel Gibson (1849-1923) and wife Mary E. Barkley (1848-1919)
John Franklin Summers (1849-1926) and wife (1) Summie (1863-1894) and (2) Dena (1878-1941)
John W. Barnes (1852-1904)
John F. Thomason (1853-1932) and wife Bettie E. (1855-1932)
James C. Hancock (1857-1918)
Mary L. Slaten (1857-1910)
T. B. White (1859-1923)
George A. West (1859-1936) and wife Ida May (1874-1915)
Mary F., wife of D. C. Greenlee (1860-1911)

A World War II soldier buried in Summers cemetery is Lt Troy M. Bibb (1918-1942).

Other family names in the Summers cemetery are: Alexander, Beeson, Clark, Eldridge, Funkhouser, Hale, Jarrett, Nichols, Smyth, Stone, Swagerty, Teague, Thurman, Thomas, Totten, Unger, Wortham.

Pettigrew Cemetery, Farmington

In the middle of a field, one-half mile west of Farmington, is a small family graveyard (it contains fewer than 50 burials) that is well over a hundred years old. It is the burial place of Pettigrews, Smiths and Allens -- three families that were related by marriage. There have been no burials here for the last 50 years and the fallen gravestones indicate neglect. Yet here sleep some of the early comers to Washington County.

A tall marble shaft, now fallen off its base, marks the last resting place of the patriarch of the Pettigrew clan and other early members of that family. They are:
George A. Pettigrew (1793-1854)
George H. Pettigrew (1821- ?)
Margaret, wife of Z. M. Pettigrew (1831-1871) and several children of the A.M. Pettigrews who died in the 1870's.
Mary M., wife of H. L. Pettigrew (1841-1883)

One of our county's most beautiful gravestones - a 6-foot carved and deeply engraved marble slab -- marks the burial place of William C. Smith, a pioneer and a victim of Civil War lawlessness. His tombstone says:

"In memory of William C. Smith, born August 8, 1816. Led a devoted life and was maliciously murdered March 11, 1865."

There are also the graves of several Smith children and of the widow, who later married an Allen. Members of the Allen family buried here include:
William Allen (1804-1868)
Andy Allen (1834-1858)
Catherine Smith Allen (1837-1901)
Abe Allen (1837-1885)

There is a row of five identical carved sandstone markers -- evidently the Allen children: Inscriptions on two of them are legible:
Cornelia Frances Allen, died 1845, and Zebulon Montgomery Allen, died 1847.

Round Mountain

This cemetery is located in the east central part of the county, about 5 miles due east of Wyman. The community formerly had a post-office called Sydenham. The cemetery, well-kept and with an ornamental entrance, is across the road from the Missionary Baptist Church. The pillars at the entrance of the cemetery carry verses and biblical inscriptions, and a marker that relates that one-half acre was donated for a cemetery by W. C. Smith in 1884, and one-half acre purchased in 1929. Among the older burials in the Round Mountain cemetery are the following:

Philip Tresner (1818-1897) and his wife Laura (1821-1908)
Margaret Sexson (1818-1897)
Barbra Gulp (1820-1896)
William C. Smith (1821-1886) and wife (1) Sarah E. (1848-1876) and (2) Annie Smith (1844-1927)
Mariah, wife of Daniel McKiever (1821-1899)
G. B. Sexson (1822-1893)
J. P. Musselman (1822-1889)
James Bledsoe (1826-1890)
E. Y. Hulsizer (1825-1906) and wife Mary C. (1853-1915)
John K. Adair (1828-1894)
J. C. Sexson (1828-1909) and wife Delila (1832-1891)
Ann M., wife of Elder M. Cosner (1828-1892)
Dewitt C. Hale, Co.L, 1st Arkansas Cavalry (1840-1923) and wife Susan S. (1856-1930)
Peter C. Miller (1841-1928), Co.H, 33rd Indiana Infantry (1841-1928) and wife (1) E.G. (1849-1885) and (2) Ida Adair Miller (1854-1928)
W. N. Elliott (1844-1932) and wife Ellen E. (1838-1921)
W. O. Johnson (1844-1924) and wife Margarett (1845-1910)
Sireah E., wife of R. Claypool (1848-1907)
J. M. Kirkland (1850-1919) and wife Flora (1852-1921)
Benjamin N. Wood, Co. D, 19th Kansas Cavalry (1850-1927) and Laura M. Wood (1853-1943)
James Redick (1851-1941) and wife Mildred (1850-1905)
Margaret Johnson (1852-1902)
Lewis P. Chambers (1853-1927)
J. G. Sexson (1854-1920) and wife Rachel A. (1860-1901)
Jerry R. Stillwell (1854-1933) and Lydia E. Stillwell (1861-1933)
John F. Murphy (1855-1928) and wife Mahala J. (1872-1930)
Uncle Mont Sexs on (1856-1925)
John Smith (1856-1935)
Nancy Huddleston (1859-1907)
Robert F. Ferguson (1863-1927) and wife Mary F. (1864-1942)
W. J. Johnson (1865-1943)
Millie M., wife of J. R. White (1865-1918)
Lulu Trammel, wife of J. L. Brown (1868-1934)
James M. Mhoon (1868-1945)
Rev. Henry W. Miller (1868-1950)
Rebecca E. Wright (1867-1922)
Mrs. Mary Lucretia Musselman (1869-1936)
E. M. Gregg (1872-1942)
John W. Crow (1873-1948) and wife Mattie R. (1874-1949)
S. A., wife of William K. Rouse (1874-1896)

Mt.Zion Cemetery, near Hicks

This century-old burying ground 2 miles south of Sulphur City contains a great many fieldstone markers without inscription, and also some good examples of the early grave-stone maker's art. A number of graves are covered with massive stone slabs that bear names or initials (J.H.M., J.T.S., Hill, W.H.L.Cross, etc.) but no dates. There are also several old burial vaults of the 1860's.

On the Jones family lot is an interesting contrast in tombstones. The pioneer, Rev. Riley Jones (1805-1889) and his wife Nancy (1805-1883) have elaborate marble monuments. Their children, who preceded them in death by more than a quarter century,have the quaint sandstone markers of the 1860's with arched top. The children of Riley and Nancy Jones are: Eliza T. Jones (1830-1861), Absalom B. Jones (1835-1862), and J. C. Jones (1851-1872), "husband of Matilda E., daughter of G. W. Lewis."

Among the pioneers buried here are the following:
James Johnson (1799-1882) and wife Mary (180301876)
George W. Lewis (1821-1895) and wife Lettie (1828-1913)
James N. Bassett (1821-1889) and wife Susan (? - 1888)
Pleasant Parker (1824-1895) and wife Sarah. Two of their children -- S.B.Parker (1851-1869) and Debby (1855-1869) -- are buried beside their parents and have attractive old gravestones.
Jno. C. Carter (1828-1886) and wife Halam (1840-1917). Two of their children, both dead in 1865, are buried in the Carter lot, which is surrounded by an ornamental iron fence.
J.M.Laymon (1829-1902) and wife Mary B. (1830-1904)
Wm. A. Jett (1831-1901) and wife Elizabeth (1842-1913)
J. D. Hill (no dates) and N. J. Hill (1832-1902). On the Hill lot is an unidentifiable old burial vault.
Lear, wife of J. Bean (1839-1920)
Nancy Kesia Johnson (1839-1864), wife of B. F. Johnson. She has a quaint coffin-shaped stone vault.
Enos McMills (?) (1841-1868)
Susan E. Ashbrook (1844-1888)
Sallie Lewis (1846-1904)
Ephraim Ramey (1849-1924) and wife Emaline (1844-1915)
Louisa H., daughter of Susanna and John N. Bassett (1849-1864)
Dnnis I. Perry (1850-1939) and wife Sarah A. (1857-1911)
James M. Bassett (1851-1925) and wife Mary E. (1859- ?)
Mary E., wife of J. H. Laymon (1854-1914)
I. H. Bassett (1861-1888)
Ellender Campbell (1857-1909)
David Nicholls (1853-1863), a quaint old gravestone
Marion W., son of J. J. and J. C. Morgan (1865-1875)
Arizona, wife of F. S. Hauptman (1869-1899)

The only Civil War marker in this cemetery is over the grave of Jos. Hill , Co.B, 123rd Indiana Infantry. A Spanish-American War veteran is Milton C. Hill of Co.I, 1st Arkansas Infantry.

Holt Cemetery, Baldwin

This burial ground is located a half mile north of Baldwin and a few hundred yards east of the Hester cemetery. It is on a knoll overlooking the West Fork of White River. Traces of the old wagon road along the ridge, once the highway to Fayetteville, can still be seen. Both the Holt and Hester cemeteries were once on the road, but are now in the middle of large fields.

The Holt cemetery, fenced and well kept, contains about 100 burials, about half of them marked with fieldstones. The oldest dated gravestone is that of Mary T. Johnson (1851-1861). Among the early settlers buried here are:

Jno. Johnson (1811-188?)
Elizabeth Brumley (1813-1882)
Sarah E. Kirkland (1820-1880)
J. M. Grimes (1826-1896) and Balsora Grimes (1831-1879)
Thomas P. Holt (1835-1910) and wife Malissa (1838-1919)
Mat Lewis (1841-1880) and wife Frances (1844-1926)
Honer M., wife of H. F. Porter (1840-1889)
Sarah, wife of J. R. Porter (1845-1883)
Arkansas Williams (1872-1905)

Hester Cemetery, Baldwin

This old cemetery is located a half mile northwest of the Baldwin school. It is well kept and is still being used. There are about 200 graves, some 50 of them marked with fieldstones. The oldest dated gravestones are those of two Hester children who died in 1861 and 1867. Among the pioneers buried here are the following:

Jesse L. Fletcher (1829-1908) and wife Cinderella (1830-1908)
Albert A. Moore (1838-1904) and wife Martha A. (1835-1906)
Thomas Roberts (1840-1908) and wife Mary F. (1846-1915)
Emily Ferguson (1842-1908)
William H. Vaughan (1843-1917) and wife Emeline M. (1843-1924)
William A. Brown (1851-1937) and wife Sarah A. (1852-1937)
Joe R. Booth (1851-1935)
John McCabe (1853-1918) and wife Anna (1860-1921)
Nathan G. Roberts (1854-1935) and wife Lauretta (1858-1942)
William F. Hester (1855-1932) and wife Malinda A. (1856-1879)
Americus R. Moore (1858-1928)
Robert W. Meadows (1859-1919)
W. N. Counts (1860-1912)
Thomas G. Moore (1862-1889)
M. E. Patrick (1863-1940)
Mary A., wife of W. H. Porter (1863-1940)

Two war veterans buried in the Hester cemetery are:

Henry Stanberry, Corporal U.S.Army, died 1938
Noah W. Phillips Jr., US Army Air Force, "who made the supreme sacrifice while serving on Atlantic patrol, Jan.14, 1942. Age 20 years."

other family names found in the Hester graveyard at Baldwin include: Barnett, Conquest, Ferguson, Giblon, Hunt, Keen, LeGrand, Paris, Seavey, Sexson, Turpin, Wagnon.

Sharp Cemetery

This century-old burying ground occupies a beautiful site on a mountaintop, 5 miles southeast of Prairie Grove. It is literally at the end of the road. The graves are laid out in perfect alignment and the cemetery is newly-fenced and well-kept. It is named for the pioneer Sharp family, of whom the following have inscribed tombstones. (There are also many fieldstone markers.)

Francis M., wife of William D. Sharp (1836-1857)
Mary Sharp (1839-1920)
R. A. Sharp (1844-1927) (Confederate soldier) and wife Nancy (1845-1916)
H. Alec Sharp (1858-1904) and wife Nancy M. (1861-1904)

A fine old sandstone head and foot marker indicates the oldest dated burial -- that of Hannah P., wife of Lowel N. Brown.

Among the pioneers buried here are:
Lucinda Wheeler (1803-1888)
Joseph Morrison (1810-1889) and wife Phoebe (1827-1891)
Samuel Smith (1818-1891)
Samuel Bradley (1822-1890)
W. G. Oliver (1825-1894) and wife Mary J. (1829-1905)
Benjamin H. Brotherton (1829-1887) and wife Julia A. (1838-1907)
H. B. Wheeler (1833-1886) and M. A. Wheeler (1839-1900)
James Henry Morrison (1835-1862), a Confederate soldier
Sarah J., wife of C. C. Summers (1837-1902)
DeWitt Clinton Avery (1849-1940) and wife Alzenia Azlea (1859-1919)
Nancy McDonald (1851-1940)
Mrs. Margaret W. Felton (1851-1932)
Cynthia A. Babb (1853-1939)
Harriett Alice, wife of F. M. Thrasher (1854-1900)
Fannie, wife of W. P. Steward (1860-1891)
T. H. McKinney (1861-1890)
W. D. Cavin (1862-1913)

These three names appear on one tombstone:
John W. Hill (1847-1912)
Carmelia Barron (1831-1909)
Nannie Thurman (1861-1917)

There are a number of graves marked by fieldstones without inscription but the graves have bronze C.S.A. veteran markers. A government stone marks the grave of Corp. Fountain P. Ross, of Co.F, 45th Tennessee Infantry CSA.

Veterans of later wars who are buried here are:
James S. Caviness (1879-1933), Private, US Army
Ray A. Meacham (1913-1944) of the 322d Infantry, 81st Div., World War II
Fred Houston Dotson (1823-1944), S/2 USNR, World War II

Other family names found in the Sharp cemetery are: Beasley, Carlile, Day, Dinsmore, Garrett, McDonald, Martin, Permiman, Vanover, Vincent.

General Jo Shelby: Undefeated Rebel

An account of the battles of Cane Hill and Prairie Grove appears in the book, "General Jo Shelby: Undefeated Rebel", just published by the University of North Carolina Press. The author is Daniel O'Flaherty.

This is a fast-paced story of Shelby -- from cradle to grave. The Kansas City Star called it "a sympathetic treatment", which it is. But it is hard not to be sympathetic with the South's No.2 cavalry general (O'Flaherty calls him "the Jeb Stuart of the West"), who fought under all sorts of difficulties and against terrific odds.

The book is documented by 532 references, but the backbone of the Shelby material is Edwards: "Shelby and His Men", the old classic published shortly after the War. The late Allan M. Wilson, Fayetteville mayor and postmaster, always had a copy of Edwards' "Shelby" on his desk. As a matter of personal interest, it was Allan Wilson who first introduced me to the romantic Confederate cavalry leader.

Washington County readers will be particularly interested in Chapter 13 of O'Flaherty's book, "Cane Hill", and Chapter 14, "Prairie Grove." Here's the opening paragraph of Chapter 13:

"Shelby's exploit at Cane Hill first marked him as a Confederate cavalry commander who...was one of the most dangerous men the Federals had to deal with during the war. At Cane Hill Marmaduke's two brigades of cavalry -- two thirds of Hindman's mounted forces -- would have been routed and most of them captured if Colonel Shelby had not hit upon the idea, at the peak of the emergency, that a force of thirty companies,attacking in all directions, can cover a retreat much better than a single brigade which is badly outnumbered. Because Cane Hill is scarcely a pinpoint on the battle maps of the Civil War, Shelby's brilliant improvisation has been passed over and forgotten except by students of the cavalry and by Missouri historians, such as Moore and Edwards, who wrote in gasping admiration but with no meticulous regard for the historical facts which form the background of heroic deeds."

This chapter also contains Edwards' well-known story about "Miss Susan McClellan, a fair rebel" who came into Shelby's camp "en dishabille" to inform him that "600 Federal cavalry had just passed her father's house" enroute to surprise the Confederates. (Pages 136-137)

O'Flaherty's account of the battle of Prairie Grove (Chapter 13) follows the official reports pretty closely. However, he is a little weak in his geography -- distances, directions, roads, etc. For instance, on page 156: "Over toward Cane Hill dense columns of smoke at Rhea's Mill indicated that Blunt was moving north." Cane Hill and Rhea's Mill,of course, are in different directions from Prairie Grove.

The author's literary embroidery makes the story of the battle of Prairie Grove more romantic but messes up the history. A few examples will show what I mean:

"The area between Van Buren and Fayetteville is crisscrossed with country roads as thick as blood vessels." The crossroads aren't there now and they weren't there then. The only crossroad that figured in the battle was the Cane Hill-to-Hogeye road.

"The line of battle (at Prairie Grove) was in the shape of a horseshoe, conforming to the shape of the hill with the church on the summit. Around the spire of that country church were enacted scenes of horror sledom equaled on a battlefield on the American continent, and not even exceeded by the most revolting of the suppressed details of the Death March of Bataan." The "hill" at Prairie Grove has no "summit" and the "country church" had no "spire". The analogy with Bataan is an unfortunate one, for every man at Prairie Grove had a gun in his hand and a fighting chance.

"Confident and cocky, (Blunt's men) swilled down great quantities of the peach and apple brandy for which Washington County is famous." This was supposed to have happened at Cane Hill. The spirits of the Cumberland Presbyterians will resent this aspersion. And it's quite a feat to "swill down" Washington County apple-jack.

O'Flaherty re-tells the incident at Prairie Grove when Shelby was rescued from imminent capture, by a headlong rush of some of his cavalrymen, among them Alexander Franklin James,"better known in American folk history as Frank James, brother of Jesse; and Shelby would never forget the sight of his face as he rode with the rescue party that day on the Fayetteville road." This incident (from Edwards: "Shelby and His Men") is necessary to explain General Shelby's appearance as a character witness for Frank James in the latter's murder trial in 1883.

In spite of all the legends that surround the names of Frank and Jesse James, I have argued that there is no documentary proof that Jesse James was ever in Washington County. However, O'Flaherty in his new book, quotes an interview with General Shelby that appeared in the Kansas City Journal in the spring of 1883, in which Shelby is quoted as saying: "A cavalry company under command of Dave Pool, among the most prominent members of which were Jesse and Frank James, were ordered to report to me at Prairie Grove in 1863...Captain Pool, under Quantrill, was on the left of our line, and seeing the situation, with the Jameses and the rest of the company, dashed to my relief, driving the enemy back and rescuing me."

That definitely puts the James boys in Washington County in 1863. I am still unconvinced that they ever visited our county during their reignof outlawry in the 1870's and until Jesse's death in 1882. Only documentary evidence will convince me that the James boys ever returned to Arkansas after the War.

While my chief interest is in Washington County, I must admit that Daniel O'Flaherty's book poses two provocative theses with which I am inclined to agree. They are as follows:

1. That the military campaigns and battles west of the Mississippi River and the importance of the Trans-Mississippi Department to the Confederacy were greatly under-rated; and

2. That both the Confederate and Union armies west ofthe Mississippi River were commanded by inept generals (O'Flaherty excepts Shelby and Hindman), many of whom had been failures in the East.

"General Jo Shelby: Undefeated Rebel" may be secured at McRoy and McNair's Book Store in Fayetteville. The book sells for $6.

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